



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

33 February 7, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF EAST LOS ANGELES,  
EL NIDO, MALIBU BOWL, AND SOUTH SAN JOSE HILLS AND  
ADJACENT TO CHATSWORTH  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amounts for various public works construction contracts in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, El Nido, Malibu Bowl, and South San Jose Hills and adjacent to Chatsworth.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the requested changes in work will have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and increased contract amounts for the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. RDC0014876 – Winton Avenue from Gemini Street to Salais Street, construction of concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps, and landscaping, in the unincorporated community of South San Jose Hills, for changes related to placement of variations in bid quantities and crushed miscellaneous base, with an increase in the contract amount of \$13,314.90, being performed by Geronimo Concrete, Inc.;
- Project ID No. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project, construction of streetscape improvements, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, for changes related to variations in bid quantities, removing Phase 2 Detour, relocating bus shelters, and permit fee reimbursement, with an increase in the contract amount of \$23,750, being performed by Bitech

Construction Company, Inc.; and

- Project ID No. RDC0015319 – Las Virgenes Road, et al., for reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement and installation of striping and pavement markings, in the unincorporated communities of El Nido, Malibu Bowl, and Monte Nido and adjacent to Chatsworth, for changes related to reduced working hours, thermoplastic removal, and recessed pavement markers, with an increase in the contract amount of \$30,600, being performed by Hardy & Harper, Inc.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the projects from your Board for changes in various public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure for each contract.

The Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your Board's approval are changes in work in excess of the Director's delegated limited, which are required to complete Project ID Nos. RDC0014876, RDC0015166, and RDC0015319.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

Project ID Nos. RDC0014876 and RDC0015166, with an increase in the contract amounts of \$13,314.90 and \$23,750, respectively, are included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

Project ID No. RDC0015319, with an increase in the contract amount of \$30,600, is included in the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements were awarded by your Board to the apparent responsible contractors with the lowest responsive bids in accordance with the State Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosures do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)  
February 7, 2012

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014876 – Winton Avenue from Gemini Street to Salais Street  
(in the unincorporated community of South San Jose Hills), Supervisorial District 1,  
Contractor: Geronimo Concrete, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps;  
landscaping; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in bid quantities	\$ 4,809.90
(2) Placement of crushed miscellaneous base	<u>8,505.00</u>
Total	<u>\$13,314.90</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It is necessary to compensate the contractor to place crushed miscellaneous base at various locations behind the reconstructed cross gutters due to the lack of base material under the existing asphalt concrete that was removed. This work was not shown on the project plans.

The cost for Item 1 will be negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 2 will be based on contract unit prices.

Six additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Funding for these changes in work is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget. The Road Fund will be reimbursed with First Supervisorial District General Funds in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Public Works General Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$373,523.10
Changes in work to be approved	<u>13,314.90</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$386,838.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	4%

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CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Bitech Construction Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of streetscape improvements.

Changes in Work:

(1)	Variations in bid quantities	\$13,000.00
(2)	Remove Phase 2 detour	2,350.00
(3)	Relocate bus shelters	3,400.00
(4)	Permit fee reimbursement	<u>5,000.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$23,750.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. In order to complete the work per contract plans it is necessary to provide sufficient quantities. The cost for these changes were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

(2) It is necessary to compensate the contractor for the removal of the phase 2 traffic detour to ease traffic congestion during the moratorium. The cost for these changes were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

(3) It is necessary to compensate the contractor for relocation of two bus shelters closer to the curb face in order for shop owners to operate their doors and gates at the south east corner of Arizona Avenue and the north west corner of Clela Avenue. The cost for these changes were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

(4) It is necessary to reimburse the contractor for permit fees required to maintain an encroachment within CalTrans' right of way during the duration of the project. The costs for these fees were based on time and material.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Funding for these changes in work is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$2,150,367.00
Changes previously approved by your board	108,644.00
Changes in work previously approved under delegated authority	6,800.00
Changes in work to be approved	<u>23,750.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$2,289,561.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	6.47%

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CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015319 – Las Virgenes Road, et al., (in the unincorporated communities of El Nido, Malibu Bowl, and Monte Nido and adjacent to Chatsworth), Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5, Contractor: Hardy & Harper, Inc.

Project Description:

Reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement, installation of striping and pavement markings, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Reduced Working Hours	\$11,000.00
(2) Thermoplastic Removal	7,100.00
(3) Recessed Pavement Markers	<u>12,500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$30,600.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) In order to minimize disruption to traffic, it is necessary to reduce the working hours. The contractor will be compensated for impact to its operations.

(2) It is necessary to compensate the contractor for removal of existing thermoplastic striping and pavement markings that were not shown on the plans.

(3) It is necessary to place recessed pavement markers instead of surface mounted pavement markers in order to improve future roadway maintenance. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Items 1 and 2 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

The cost for Item 3 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Nine additional working days will be required because of these changes.



Financial Information:

The project cost will be financed with State Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. Funding for these changes in work is included in the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,838,000.00
Changes in work previously approved by your Board	30,000.00
Changes in work to be approved	<u>30,600.00</u>

Revised contract amount	<u>\$1,898,600.00</u>
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Percent total change to original contract amount	3.3%
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